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Previous references

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Later references

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In 8-2-23, 17, 38, 39, 52 (Confl)

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Serial Nos 3, 4, 5, 6 & 10

Part B for June 1921

SUBJECT

Report of irregularities in the issue of cotton valuable Silk &c to the Members of the Municipal Council.

To The Dy Commr Trichy &c

No R 1361 & B.6 21.

Communicates the views of Govt on the matter and makes certain observations on the enquiry report—

To be laid before the Dy Comm. Tuticorin No 1361 2 & 6 & 21.

From extract from Proc 1 of the above date

WD 1933—GPE—16,526—25-7-21

Initialled 10.2.22

[11] 1920

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

(Manl)

NOTES

File No 84 – 20

FILE HEADING

Disposal of municipal Sites

From

The Dy Com, Chittagong

No Reg C no 77 MP 20–21 Dated 31 8 20 Received 4 9 20

Diary No 1946	Enclos 3 Spare Copies	Serial No. 3

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER

Reports for orders of Govt certain wrongdoings in connection with the disposal by the municipal Council of Chittagong of certain valuable sites at low prices to Councillors in the town –

NOTES AND ORDERS

With refce to the proceedings of the municipal Council of 7-6-20 & 3-7-20 relating to the matter, the Deputy Com^r makes the following suggestions for orders of Govt. under the circumstances explained in his present letter : —

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(1) That the Mand Council may be directed to resume the site made over by them to the Forest Dept & to reserve it for the Construction of a Police office;

(2) That the Govt may be pleased to order that no sites claimed in future be sold to Mand Councillors unless by public auction; &

(3) That warnings may be administered to the Predt of the Mand C[illegible], Mr. Abdul Majid for his utter indifference to safe-guard the interests of the Mdy & to the Mand councillors for their dubious Conduct.

2. The points for consideration now are — whether the sites in question belong to the Mdy. If they don't belong to the Mdy the whole proceeding become null & void. In this connection reference is invited to Rule 13(a) of the Rules issued under the Revenue Manual which clearly lay down that building sites & open pieces of ground which have not been dedicated to public use and which unless they have already been transferred to the Mdy., still vest in Govt. If the sites belong to the Mdy, the Councillors hold them only as

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section 50 (2) of the Municipal Regn. & hence there is a breach of trust Committed by them. In this Case the Govt advocate may be consulted as to how they may be proceeded upon.

3) May information be therefore first called for from the Dy. Conr. as to the title of the Mcty to the Site in question?

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4) This does not seem to be necessary. There is nothing on the records to lead us to presume that the Sites are other than Municipal property. Regards the reservation of the Sites for the forest. There is no resolution of the Municipal Council to that effect. The Resolution only says "The same is reserved for the forest office" The previous Sanction of Govt seems to be necessary for this U/S 40 (2) This may be pointed out to the Board & further details called for regards the reservation of the Site.

the Collectorate instructions 7-7-20 (D. 1988) relating to this Case has been by the member in charge.
14.

- reference to the approval of the Govt. This may be made to that effect early by them

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Please see file linked from 11/9/20

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9) About the purchase of lands at Pulicat which are only by Municipalities, there is for consideration a bye-law may perhaps be framed under Sec 46 c. by the Mun Council itself- of the suggestion emanates from Govt - Anyway care has to be taken as far as possible that all transactions of the Mun Council are above board / particularly as in such matters Govt have no power afterwards to interfere & set matters right (Vide Extract monthly Vol - Pt - 4)

6) The last point urged by the Dy Coll about the loan rings to be administered is for orders

Rev Secy

17-9

7) The recommendation of the Dy Coll requires to be given effect to I think. The Mun Council is not apparently managing its affairs satisfactorily and the President Mr Abdul Wajid ~~has to~~ seems responsible to a large extent A warning would not appear to be out of place

Member PJO

26 9 20

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C. R. S. III-2)

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7-10-2

When I was at Chittaldroog on Aug last, the D.C. (Mr. T. P. Chennakesava Raya) as well as the present D.C. (Mr. Narasimha Rao) ask S/he to me about this & it was rather unfortunate that Mr. Abdul Wajid has been absent from Station on leave at the time & I have spoken to him also in the matter. From what I heard about the way in which the sites have been allotted to the assessees by officers of the Dept of Chittaldroog I came to the conclusion that a possible scandal of enormous magnitude with be in the interests of all concerned if the D.C. continues to be President for some more & the V.P. is nominated rather than elected. The privilege of electing VP may be extended after some experience has been gained & next that of the President I shd have taken steps in such matters not by touch & our people have got to be educated & there is a slow process. Forced pace is likely to go against the idea & mar help it. From local information it appeared to me that Mr Wajid had accepted himself quite in the manner

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Expectes of Imm. Advice. of Ld Warring and Ld I Mund Shave a Shade on me effect on his going office at this stage.

S OFFICE.

OCT 5 1920
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Reel
4-10-20 hm

Elwain

1) I think a copy of Mr. Boyd should be sent before we take action of his contract & reports & a copy of Mr. Reed's report by the Minister to Council. The points raised & the remarks in his memo (marked A) are considered & Terms C be carried out as a result of Council

Mr
6.10.20

10) Put up draft & submit to 2nd Member for perusal before issue.

hm
7.10.20

Mr

11) Draft D.O. as subd.

hm

8/10/20. Second Member) ✓

Mr
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hm
8/10 12) Draft approved

Reel
4.10.20 hm

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10.10.20

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4	To the Collr. Chittoor D.O. No. R. 5201 dt 15-10-20 Calls for the explanation of M Abdul Wajid in the matter.
5	From the same Recd no Refc 77/ML dt 23-11-20. Submits the explanation called for above with his remarks
	14) Subm. for orders with refce to para 4 above
	Sd.
	2/12/20.
	2/12
	15) The explanation of Mr. Wajid has been obtained and the Dt. Collr. has forwarded it with a covering letter wherein he traverses some of the statements made by the former
	16) Three subs were granted to him but Mr. Jawad has cut he says Anantasiachelly and Seidu Nayappa Municipal Councillors Two of the grounds ~~to the contrary~~ were removed ~~but~~ the ground ~~to the contrary~~ Mr. Anantachelly has been kept intact. Mr. Wajid disclaims responsibility for the resolutions

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the Municipal Commissioners at a meeting held on due form. The Commissioner's letter Dt Commr on the subject has action are in communicating

2) Another Communication has been received from the Dt Commr questioning the propriety of certain acts of Mr Crapper as President of the Chittaldrug Town Municipality that file is also linked to this and may if approved be considered together

3) As directed by the Govt in G O No 10 it may both the files be circulated for consideration in Council

Jud 4 12 20

3200-12-2 2nd member)

6-12-20 4) Secy - The charges made by the Dt against Mr Wipes are of such a serious nature & the matter requires careful consideration. I believe Mr Wipes has since been transferred from Chitaldrug but in view of what the Dt Com has said about him & his work as a Public Servant it seems to me that the matter is one which requires careful sifting, before it can be considered in Council & a Resolution recorded

Jud 7 12 20

Member may circulate the file

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Govt. File No 84 of 19 20

Serial No	
3338-264 13-12-20	21) For kind personal attn Govt's Law member) remarks and further instructions Law 11.12.20
	22 The Ch. Secy. may be consulted Cannd- this E A office be put on this work." Law 14.12.20
	23 Chief Secy under Complainants. Law 17.12.20
	24 Hon Ent. Please study the file & discuss with me. Hon 17/12
	25 Submitted as to personal discussion with Chief Secy and with his permission
	26 A local investigation appears unnecessary in this case, as the contradictions of documents on the records before Govt & a few others that can be called for from the Dist Court the examination of witnesses or investigation into the records appears necessary.
	27 If approved, the original

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General and Revenue Secretariat. | Mel File No. 84 of 1920

Serial No.

Municipal books and the Register & agenda papers of the municipal meetings held from March to July 1920 and also the entire file of the Municipal Office Comm with the several applications of Naick will be got here & a fresh note subd for decision in Council.

Hm
22/12/20

2nd Member)

3531-14-3
22 12 20

28 Approved An early disposal is desirable

Pell
22 12 20

Comm^r
him
Intimating the Comm^r
that subject is
posted in the
Mel file

29 Mr E.A
for necessary action
MS
28/12

30 draft subd for approval

Hm
5/1/21

Resdy

31 Approved

Re
5/1/21

To the Comm^r Chitaldroog Dist.
Do No 1116 of Jany 1921
Requests him to forward for
perusal of Govt the orgl Municipal
Book & notices and Agenda papers

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of the Chitaldroog Munl Council Meetings held from Mar to July 1920 together with the files connected with the applcn of Mr Khader Naik for the grant of a site to him and the grant of a site to Mr Khader Mohideen, Mal Tiller

From the Dy Comr Chitaldroog Dy. No Ref C 77 Jul 9 20-21 & 19/21 Subs the records called for in the above

32 Submitted with reference to paras 27 & 28 above

AHK

25/1/21

33 The complaint of the Deputy Commissioner against the President of the Chitaldrug Municipal Council Mr Abdul Wajid falls under three main heads

(1) Discourteous treatment of the Vice-President Mr Thirumala Rao

(2) Obstructive attitude in respect of filling up the office of the Vice-President

(3) Inadequate regard to the interests of the Municipality in the disposal of certain sites

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34. As regards the first item of charge kind reference is invited to Deputy Commissioner's letter No.C.170.M1 of 1920-21 dated 23rd November 1920 The letter is full and brings out all the main facts of the case. A perusal of this letter and of its enclosures shows that the criticisms of the Deputy Commissioner in this respect are well founded and justified There is sufficient ground on the records and circumstances to conclude that Mr. Wajid acted indiscreetly and without tact in respect of the matters referred to therein His action in connection with the restoration of Muhammad Hussain as Ochori manegar and the reentertainment of Abdul Rahiman is not easily defensible.

35. In regard to the second item reference is invited to the Deputy Commissioner's letter No.65-M1. of 1920-21 dated 3rd September 1920 in the linked file. The letter is fully referenced, with reference to the proceedings of the Municipal Meetings In this letter the Deputy Commissioner is right in his position that the President Mr. Wajid has not co-operated with him in accepting the solution proposed in the Deputy Commissioner's letter No.150 dated 27th June 1920 and in Government Notification dated the 30th July 1920 (Vide Flag C-I) But in developing his arguments he has allowed himself to impute to the President an undue anxiety to convene meetings hastily for considering these propositions which is not warranted from the facts of the case The meetings wherein these resolutions were recorded were by no

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means specially convened for the purpose and were mainly ordinary municipal meetings which had to be held from time to time All that the Vice-President has done is to introduce these subjects into the ordinary meetings as supplemental subjects Doubtless he could have avoided inconvenient questions if he wanted to co-operate with the Deputy Commissioner particularly on the score of lack of notice since no question about the Vice-Presidentship is referred to in the Agenda of any of these meetings Lack of quorum at the ordinary meetings appears to have been the order of the day in Chitaldrug and adjourned meetings were frequently necessary on these circumstances Chitaldrug Municipality would appear to be the last one but deserve any special privileges at the hands of Government

P.U.D. 3

P U D 1

3 6. As regards the disposal of sites reference is invited to the Deputy Commissioner's letter No.C 77 Ml. of 1930-31 dated 31st August 1930, and also to his letter No 170 dated 23rd November 1930, already referred to The letters of the Deputy Commissioner in these matters and the proceedings of the Municipal Council are fully referenced It will be clear from the original proceedings and from the records that the Deputy Commissioner's criticisms in respect of these matters are quite well-founded though he is not right in saying that the President convened any special meeting either for granting or cancelling the grant of any of these sites Besides all the Deputy Commissioner's letters bring out one other circumstance

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circumstance which goes against Mr Waji in respect of the disposal of sites to Messrs Ananthiah Chetty Jeevan Rao and Siddinanjappa is that he deferred the consideration of these questions unnecessarily at the meeting held on 7th May 1920 which was well attended. The resolution to dispose of the site to Ananthiah Chetty as recorded in the Minute Book shows that 4 annas a square yard was first intended as the up-set price and that it was subsequently reduced to 2 annas (Vide Flag C) ~~Whether this was at the request of subsequently and whether the correction was made by the President or anybody else is not clear.~~ The Deputy Commissioner's remarks in respect of the ~~Agenda changed~~ portion of the resolution about the grant of the site to Medakere Naik on 28th August 1920 is also well-founded The remarks relating to grant of a site to the Municipal fitter is likewise justified

37 Submitted for orders

Revised

28/1/21

2nd member)

23 2 21

35) In the light of the above it appears that Mr A Wajid was more indiscreet & tactless than otherwise he is a young officer & a little correction in the shape of a warning would be I think. be out of place

(Devans) 37) Minute sent 25 2 21

Minute sent 26 2 21

Flag B (Pg 86)

Flag C (Pg 86)

VIII & Flag F (Pg 88)

D I & Flag L

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Item saving time would be delayed without any pressure of other work -

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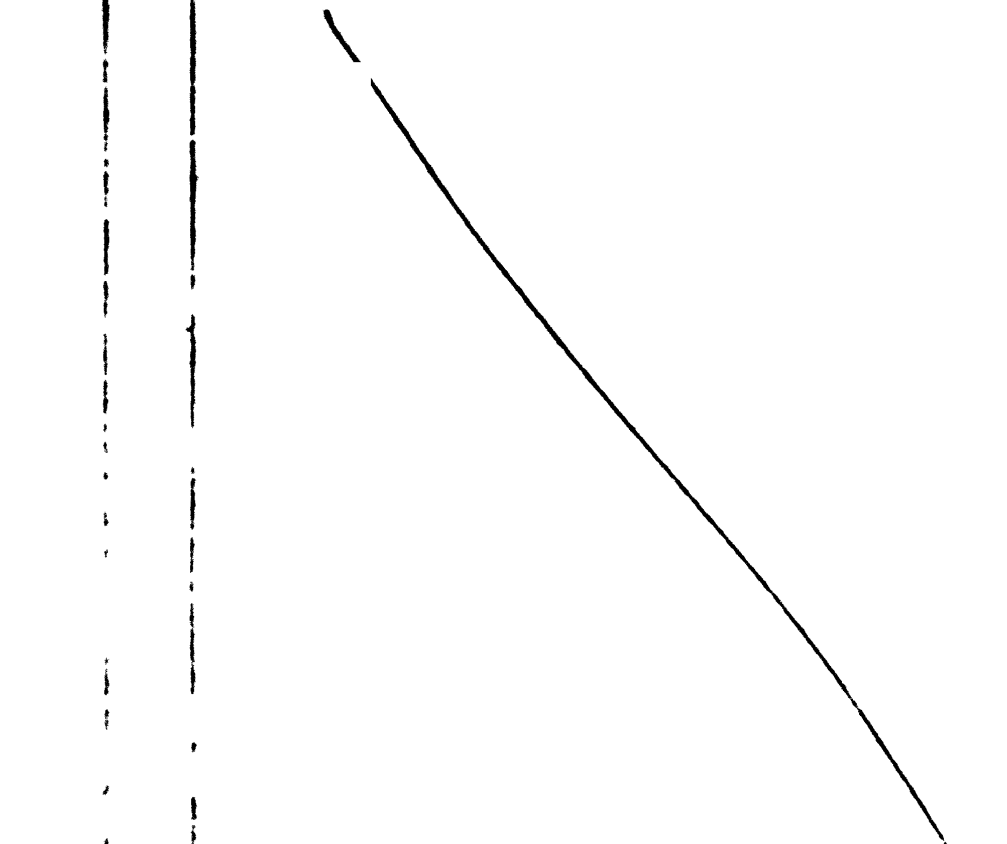

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(For Disposal at a Meeting)

No. C 522

1920-21

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Council Matter

SUBJECT

(Clause xx of the Schedule.)

Report of the Deputy Commissioner, Chitaldrug, regarding t onduct of Mr. S. Abdul Wajid, in connection with the administr of the Chitaldrug Town Municipality.

CIRCULATED TO THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

By Order,

11th March 1921. Offg. *Chief Secretary to Government*

Extraordinary Member of Council

First Member of Council

889-142
1 3 21 Second Member of Council

26 3 21.

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31.3.21 Third Member of Council

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Subject - Clause v of the Schedule

Report of the Deputy Commissione Chitaldrug, regarding the conduct of Mr. S.Abdul Wajid, in connection vit the administration of the Chitaldrug Town Municipality.

Opinion of the Council.

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Sir

The Gentlemen have expressed views of the Board as regards the duties assigned to the Vice President & vote for the party & its themselves, & they wherever in accordance with the interests of the Municipality have endeavoured to discharge their duties to the best of their ability & in accordance with the rules & regulations made in this respect —

The Vice President should be elected by the Board from among themselves

21/4/22

43) To the Revd Secy with Compliments

22/4/22

44) Draft

22/4/22

45) draft with approval

25/4/22

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46) Draft submd for approval or other orders. It is not clear what particular incorrect statements are to be referred to in this letter to the D C

New Leg

Htn
2.9.4

Typ. Memo I understand have been clear of the letter was heard carefully, reference to. Please see portions marked in pencil 35 & 36 of Index & submit revised draft upon. Urgent cases shd have been placed in Tuis

hm 1.5.21

Htn

48) Fresh draft submd for approval
Dy 7/5/21
hl

Work cancelled done — hm

New Legn)

Htn
10/5—

47) Put up clean typed draft as revised & submit to 2nd member —

hm
11.5.21

50) typed fair draft is submd
Jaa
14/5/21

6435
16/5/21

Legal Member) 57) It seems very risky to frame a rule to the effect that municipal councillors should pay their travelling allowances themselves

Htn
14/5—

Htn
10/5- hm

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Serial No.

52) The meetings at which Resolutions were recorded in respect of the grant of sites to Messrs Anantha Chetty, Siddanayappa & Jeevanna Rao were those held on 7 2 20, 7 6 20 and 3-7 20. At each of these meetings, the three members named above are seen to have been present, and Resolutions in favour of the grant to have been recorded. ~~There is no~~ It is to be presumed that, as usual in such cases, the Resolutions were passed in the absence of any demur, and therefore no specific or separate voting took place. It has to be noted, at the same time that there is no note on record to indicate that the members concerned ~~did not~~ refrained from voting on the question. If they had done so, the point would undoubtedly have been noted here it is presumed that they took part in the proceedings.

25-5-21

2nd member

53) Please put up a revised draft

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File No. 84 of 1920

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Enquiry about the [illegible] Municipal Council as vested in the Municipal Commissioners who had applied for [illegible] relating to them desiring that they may enquire & whether they had any objection to the [illegible] Municipal Council

5th) Please revise para 2 & 3 as it is not clear & does not read well

Sd/-
27/5/21

5) Revised draft and proceedings for approval

Sd/-
28/5/21

5th) Second Member)

57) Draft slightly amend & approved

Sd/-
1/6/21

55) Issue

LOTT 21/5/21
Issue
re reconstitution
of the Cantonment
Municipality
& the Deputy
Commissioner
vide file 103
Home Section file.

Mr 30/5

G R 1 [11 2]

General and Revenue Secretariat | Jud File No 84 of 1920

Serial No	
10	I & C Chittagong no R 13611 of 6-6-21 states that Mr. Abdul Wajid as Predt of the Chittagong Municipality should not have allowed the Municipal Commissioners to vote for the grant of sites to themselves & that the Dy Com[r] should not have sent certain inaccurate statements regarding Mr Wajid's Conduct as Predt Memo to D.C. Noakhali no R 13612 of 6 6 21 - Obs entered in para 1 of 11 for Communication to Mr Wajid, Asst Com[r]

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Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Chitaldrug District
Dated Chitaldrug, the 1st August 1920.

From

The Hon'ble Rao Bahadur E ,
Deputy Commissioner,
C H I T A L D R U G

D No. 1946
3-9-20
Rl 84-20-3
6-9-?

To

B Rajasabhabhushanaya Esquire B A , I C S ,
Secretary to the Government of
H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
Revenue Department, Bangalore.

Sir,

I have the honor to state that as soon as I returned from the thday festivities at Mysore in June last some of the influential bers of the Chitaldrug Municipal Council brought to my notice that council had alienated valuable sites in favor of some of the cipal councillors for a nominal price at a recent meeting which not attended by many of the influential members and that a few the sites so alienated were originally intended for public purposes and should have been partitioned among the councillors I also learnt that a minent site close to the weekly shandy where theatrical or circus upes pitch their pavillions usually, had been given away to Siddalingappa a councillor for about Rs 175 and that the same was th more than a thousand rupees A petition was also received offering her bids for the said land

Similarly Messrs Jivar Rao and Anartha Chetty, Vice President and a councillor had been given sites which were also open to objections

Immediately I called upon the President to stay further proceedings regarding the grant of the sites and forward all correspondence resolutions on the subject for perusal (vide copy of memo No 944 45 dated 15th June 1920 attached).

The President hurriedly convened another meeting on 3-7-20

1920

From C Venkatalla, Esqrs, B.A.,
Deputy Commissioner
Chitaldrug District

To B Ramaswamaya, Esqrs, B.A., B.L.
Secretary to the Govt. of H.H. the
Maharaja of Mysore
Revenue Department
Bangalore

Dated
Despatched } 31st August 1920
Received

General No 677 Memorandum Revd.
No.

2 SEP 1920

Enclosure No 5.

Reports regarding the sale
of certain valuable sites by
Chitaldrug Town Municipal
Council.

Council recorded a resolution resuming the sites given to Messrs Siddananjappa and Jivan Rao and replied to my reference to the above effect and added that there was no reference regarding the reservation of the big site adjacent to the Travellers' Bungalow for the construction of a Taluk office and that the same was offered to the Forest Department for the construction of Range and District Forest offices on the requisition of the District Forest Officer (Vide copy of docket No. 8 dated 9th July 1920). It is a well known fact that the said site is intended for the construction of the Taluk Cutcherry as the one now in use is a hired building and the municipality conveniently confesses ignorance of the fact The Municipal Council may be directed to resume the said site and reserve it for the construction of a Taluk office

As regards the disposal of two sites to Messrs Siddananjappa and Jivan Rao, municipal councillors and their subsequent resumption on my interference goes to show how the municipal councillors are unmindful of the public interests Just a few months back sites in the same locality were sold by auction and nearly Rs 10,000 were realised therefrom Such being the practice the partitioning of valuable sites among the Vice President and the councillors free of cost and for a nominal price 2 and 4 annas when the prevailing rate is Rs 1-3-0 and more, was nothing short of breach of faith, if not fraud At the meeting held on 7th June 1920 when the above said sites were partitioned, 9 of the important councillors were absent because it was the last meeting of the old constitution and that the reconstituted council was to meet for the first time in July This naturally afforded an opportunity to some of the councillors to profit themselves Such a spirit deserves to be nipped in the bud I request that Government may be pleased to order that no sites should in future be sold to Municipal Councillors unless by public auction

I am constrained to bring to the notice of Government the utter indifference of President Mr Abdul Majid to safe-guard the interests of the municipality He is lacking in experience, tact and

power of management. This will be amply illustrated in two more communications I am addressing Government shortly. Unless a warning is administered to him and the council, the affairs of the municipality are likely to drift and fall into disrepute

I have the honor to be,

S I R

Your most obedient servant,

Deputy Commissioner,

Chitaldrug District.

S.V.

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SUBJECT .....

Diary No. of letter replied to 1946 1986 2060

General and Revenue Secretariat
(Mandl)
, the 191

Date of issue 15 10 20

Signed by Mr B Rama Swamy

Section Mandl
File No. 84-20
Serial No 4

No. R 5201 D 15 10-20

To Sir

With reference to your le
No C. 77 Mdl 20-21 of 31 8
the Certain irregularities in
the recent disposal of some valu
lots by the Calicut Corp
Mandl. Council, I am desired
to request you to be so good
as to furnish (obtain and) at an early
date the explanation of
Abdul Wajid, the President
of the Municipal Council

over

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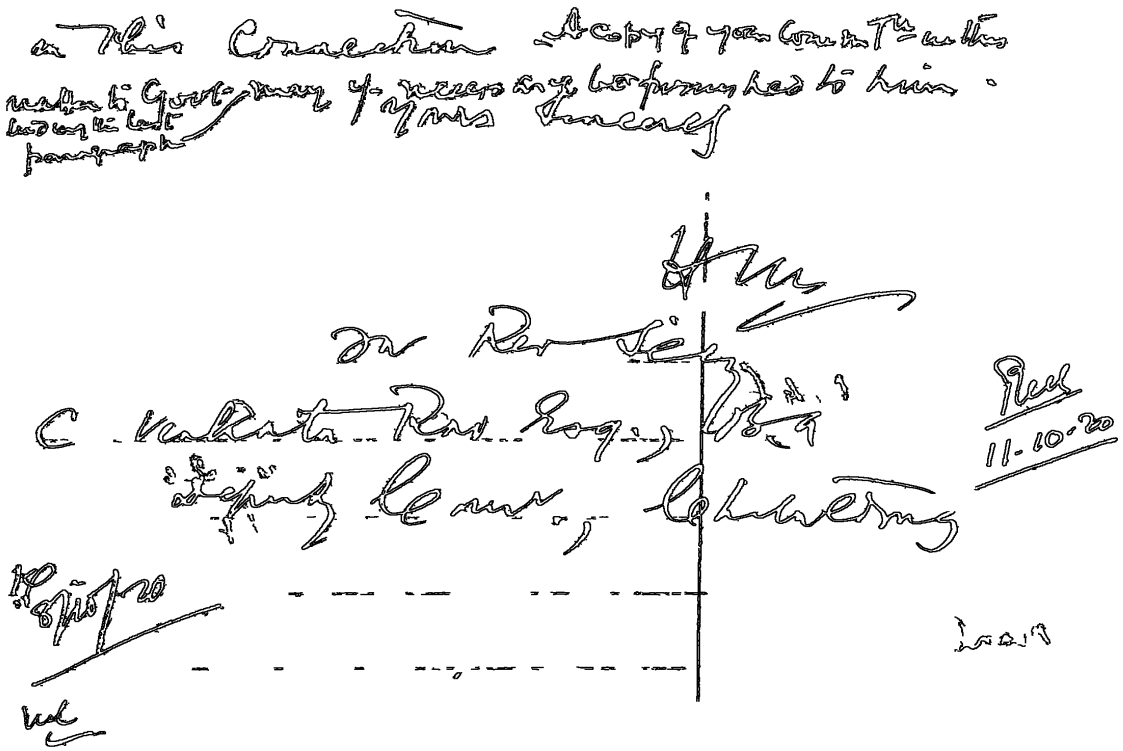

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Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Chitaldrug District.
Dated Chitaldrug, 23rd November 1920.

From

C. Venkata Rao Esquire B.A.,
Deputy Commissioner,
C H I T A L D R U G.

To

G. Aravamudu Iyengar Esquire B.A.,B.L.,
Secretary to the Government of
H H the Maharaja of Mysore,
Revenue Department, Bangalore.

Sir,

In forwarding herewith letter No nil dated 14th November 1920 from Mr Wajid the Ex-President of the Chitaldrug Town Municipality submitting his explanation for the irregularities in the disposal of certain building sites to some municipal councillors, I have the honor to state that Mr. Wajid attempts to throw the entire responsibility on the Municipal Council. He refers to a casual talk he had with me after the irregular disposal of the sites and advisedly omits to mention the action taken by me under section 174 of the unicipal egulation to hold the municipal resolution in abeyance but he wants to make it appear that the two councillors messrs Siddananjappa and Jivan Rao withdrew their applications out of deference to my request to the President Mr Wajid The facts of the case are however, that the sites were granted to them at a council meeting on the 7th June 1920 and on the 11th the sale amount was recovered and a sale certificate granted, that besides the three councillors who were granted sites that day, there were only 6 more councillors present at the meeting, that a hurried meeting was called on the 27th June 1920 to cancel the above grants of sites and that as no quorum could be had

that day, the meeting was adjourned to the 3rd July 1920, when the council formed a formal resolution cancelling the grant. The verbosity of the resolution is significant and possibly points to an uncomfortable feeling in the council that all was not well

The site was granted to Mr Siddananjappa at 4 annas per square yard on the ground that the adjoining site was sold at the same rate some time back. A reference however, to the resolution re the grant of the former site will show that it was a hollow ground, situated in an inconspicuous corner whereas the present site is used for public recreation such as theatre, circus &c , being situated in a most public and important locality Further, sites in the same locality were sold by auction a few months back at rates ranging from Rs 6-14-0 to Rs 2-13-0 per square yard Another serious irregularity in this connection is that the President and the Council have ignored a prior application by Mr. Chowdiah for the same site Mr. Wajid has apparently burked his first application dated 29th May 1920 and it is a travesty of fact to say that "soon after the sites were disposed of, Mr. Chowdiah one of the municipal councillors applied for the land offering Rs 250 for it." In fact this was only his second application subsequent to the disposal of the sites complaining of the injustice done to him and to the municipal revenues in general by not selling it in auction. The President has studiously avoided this aspect of the question The value of the said site will be Rs 4,752/- at Rs 6/- per square yard and Rs 2,178/- at Rs 2-12-0 per square yard Whereas it was granted to Mr. Siddananjappa at an upset price of Rs 198.

Again there is absolutely no justification for the grant of a site in the bare locality to Mr. Jivan Rao, Vice President of the municipality, free of cost. His dry lands were acquired for apublic purpose and he was awarded full

compensation at the rate demanded by him viz Rs 75/- per acre and was also given Rs 15/- by way of solatium for the compulsory nature of the acquisition Under these circumstances, the unseemly solicitude of the municipality to compensate Mr. Jivan Rao further by a free grant of a valuable site in the town was quite uncalled for, unauthorised and unjustifiable

The millionaire of the place Mr Ananthiah Chetty is another lucky gentleman who has had the benefit of such unexpected windfalls. A most valuable piece of land close to the first class Travellers' Bungalow has been granted to him at a ridiculously low rate of 2 annas per square yard. I beg to be permitted to remark that this is nothing short of cheating the municipality Even Rs 6/- per square yard would be too low in this locality. What makes the situation still further interesting is that the projecting outhouse of Mr Ananthiah Chetty was itself once considered an encroachment on municipal land and that is now legalised by adding more land to it at a nominal price Mr. Wajid in his letter makes a misleading statement that the site given to Mr Ananthiah Chetty is a thin strip measuring 6 yards on one side and 10 yards on the other, whereas it will be seen from the sketch prepared by him, that the area of the site is 826 2/3 square yards Its cost comes to Rs 4,960 at even Rs 6/- per square yard but it has been given to Mr Ananthiah Chetty for Rs 103-9-4 at the rate of 2 annas per square yard Further this is part of the site intended for the constructic of a Taluk office which is at present located in one of the rented buildings of Mr. Ananthiah Chetty My only objection is, as I have already pointed out, that at the meeting when these extravagant concessions were granted to three municipal councillors there were only 6 more councillors present at the meeting

These are a few of the glaring instances which might serve to give an idea of how irresponsibly the President,

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Mr. Wajid has behaved towards municipal property and how instrumental he has been in lowering the tone of the municipal council by encouraging greed and selfishness on the part of some of the municipal councillors

The connected papers are herewith submitted for reference and kind return when no longer required

I have the honor to be,

S I R,

Your most obedient servant,

Deputy Commissioner,

Chitaldrug District

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From The Deputy Commissioner,
Chitaldrug District

To The Secretary to the Government
His Highness the Maharaja of
Mysore, Bangalore.

Dated

Despatched 18th December 1920

Received

General No. 77/M1.
No.

Enclosure No Four

Reporting on the irregularities in connection with the disposal of certain valuable sites in the Chitaldrug Town Municipality by Mr S Abdul Waj

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Revision C 77/ml 1920-21.

Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Chitaldrug District.
Dated Chitaldrug, 17th December 1920

From

C. Venkata Rao Esquire B.A.
Deputy Commissioner,
C H I T A L D R U G.

Rev 84-20-6
R No 4772
20-12-20

To

G. Aravamudiengar Esquire B.A., B.L.,
Secretary to the Government of
H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
Revenue Department, Bangalore

Sir,

In continuation of my letter Revenue No. 77 Ml. dated 27th November 1920. re the irregular disposal of certain valuable sites by the Chitaldrug Municipality, I have the honor to enclose copies of records received from the President illustrating another case of excessive generosity on the part of Mr Wajid, former President of the Municipal Council It would appear that the Municipal Fitter, a paid servant of the Municipality applied for a building site at a concession rate whereas the President managed to secure the resolution of the council for the grant of the site free of charge. It is reported that the value of the site is more than Rs 500 and as such beyond the competence of the municipal council to grant it to any body free of cost or for sale need not add that a grant like this will operate as an undesirable precedent What is astounding is that the Municipal Councillors so far accommodating as to forget themselves and their responsibility in safeguarding the interests of the municipality

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I have the honor to be,
S I R,
Your most obedient servant,
Deputy Commissioner,
Chitaldrug District.

Extract 27-10-20 E3

Extract from the proceedings of the adjourned meeting of the Chitaldrug municipal council held on 7th June 1920.

P.C. Abdul Wajid Esquire B.A., President, (Present)

P.C. Mr. D. Jivan Rao, Vice President.

P. 3. Mr R. Srinivasa Rao

P. 4. Mr. M. Shanthiah Chetty

P. 5. Mr. L Eswarappa

P. 6. Mr D. K. Narayana Ch

P. 7. Mr. Vali Ahmed Sahib

P. 8. Mr Sir Khazi Sahib

P. 9. Mr. C. Siddanaanjappa.

P.10. Mr. Itti e Mahalingappa.

ABSENT.

1. The Executive Engineer.

2. The District Sanitary Officer

3. Mr. Chennakeshaviah.

4. Mr B. R. Chowdiah

5 Mr. H P. Krishna Rao

6. Mr. C. Subba Rao.

7. Mr C Khande Rao.

8. Mr. B. Venkatasamanna.

9. Mr S. Rama Rao

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Subject.	Resolution
Re the application from Mr. M. Shanthiah Chetty, Advocate praying that a portion of the land which is to the east of his bungalow wherein the plaintiff has been residing may be granted to him	The land in a straight line from the chennakesavar tree to the south and the projecting building and a little space outside on the north may be given to the applicant at two annas a square yard The President will specifically mark the site to before it is given to the applicant.
Re the application from Mr. B. Jivan Rao stating that his land that was acquired by the municipality for the extension of the town was handed over to the municipality about 2 years back but no compensation therefor was paid to him, recently and that two fields of land was sacrificed praying that this loss may kindly be compensated.	A site in Santhepet (kumbli market) suitable for a house may be given to the applicant to compensate the loss he has undoubtedly incurred The extent of the land will be determined by the President.
Re the application from Mr. C. Eswarappa praying for the grant of the maximum 25 yards in front of his land in Santhepet.	The land in front of the said land may be given to him up to the road on condition that beyond constructing a compound wall he does not put up any other building on the land so given The back portion of this land which is already in his possession will be used for construction of a bungalow the rate is 4 annas per square yard, the said to be paid for the other portion

This Rs. may be credited to the account of the municipality for the amount due from the date possession was handed over

(Sd) Abdul Wajid,
PRESIDENT

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Deputy Commissioner,
Chitaldrug

Ins to Mc 82-20-6

Proceedings of the adjourned meeting of the Chitaldrug town municipal council held on the 3rd July 1920

Present:- S. Abdul Wajid Esquire B.A , President

Members.

Present.

Mr. T. Eswarappa

Mr. Hanchare Doddayellappa.

Mr. B. Jivan Rao.

Mr. Abdul Razak Sab.

Mr. D. K. Narayana Chetty

Mr Sati Pallappa.

Mr. C Siddananjappa.

Mr. Sahukar Virabhadrappa.

Mr. Anantha Chetty

Mr. Sir Khazi Sahib

Mr. Devanagda Thimmappa

Mr. Malappa

Ex-Officio

The District Sanitary Officer

Absent.

Mr. V Tirumala Rao.

Mr B. Venkatasamanna.

Mr. Uppanirbhavi Hussein Sa

Mr. Punam Chand.

Ex-Officio

The Executive Engineer, Chitaldrug Division.

Read proceedings of the last meeting.

Resolution - Confirmed except propositions Nos. XI & XII of the last meeting relating to the lands in santhepet given to Messrs Jivan Rao and Siddananjappa, which are cancelled, both of the above gentlemen having withdrawn their propositions on knowing that the land is needed for a public recreation ground such as the putting up of theatrical pendal &c Mr. Siddananjappa wanted the site in order that the view of any building he may put up in his land which is next to the site given to him in the last meeting may not be obstructed. Now that the municipality undertakes not to put up any building he gladly withdraws The object of the meeting is that if Mr. Siddananjappa should undertake himself to construct a substantial building to serve for a theatre, the land must be given to him There is absolutely no restriction for

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L[illegible] Siddanamjappa to build a house in his land.

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(Sd) S. Abdul Wajid,

P R E S I D E N T.

" C O P Y."

Deputy Commissioner,

Chitaldrug District.

Encl to MB 84-20-6

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Memo No. 344 Ml. 19-20 dated 15th June 1920 from the Deputy Commissioner, Chitaldrug to the President, Chitaldrug municipality, Chitaldrug

I am given to understand that a site costing more than Rs 1000 near the santhe where the theatrical tents used to be pitched has just been given away by the Municipality to a private individual for a nominal price This site had been it would appear ordered to be reserved for a public purpose during the Presidentship of Mr. K. Krishnier. The President is requested to stay further proceedings regarding the grant of the site and forward all the papers together with the applications received therefor to this office and the several resolutions of the council on the subject.

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Deputy Commissioner,
Chitaldrug District

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Encl to Mlg.-20 -19

Memo No 545 Ml.19-20 dated 15th June 1920 from the Deputy Commissioner, Chitaldrug, to the President, Chitaldrug Town Municipality. Chitaldrug

I am given to understand that the shandy is proposed to be shifted and the site given away to 4 individuals at an upset price The shandy ground is said to be worth more than Rs 20000 and is well suited for building a number of houses.

Similarly the big site next to the Travellers Bungalow which is reserved for the construction of the Taluk Cutcherry is said to have been promised by the Municipality to be disposed of to a private individual.

The President is requested to stop further proceedings in these two cases and to forward all the connected previous correspondence and municipal resolutions for perusal.

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Deputy Commissioner,
Chitaldrug District

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Enc to Jud 84 - 20 - 6

Docket No. 6 dated 9th July 1920 from the President, Town Municipality, Chitaldrug, to the Deputy Commissioner, Chitaldrug.

With reference to his memo Nos. 344 and 345 Ml of 19-20 date 15th June 1920 and Pet C. 46 Ml of 19-20 dated 15th June 1920, regarding the disposal of certain sites by this municipality, has the honor to state that the two sites disposed of near the santhe have been resumed.

Except the small piece of land (the southern end of which measuring 6 yards and northern end 10 yards in breadth) proposed to be granted to Mr M. Ananthiah Chetty, Advocate, just to run up a compound wall to the east of his bungalow, the remaining extent of the site next to the Travellers' Bungalow is not disposed of to any private individual but the same is reserved for the construction of District and Range Forest offices on the requisition of the District Forest officer, Chitaldrug There are no records in this office to show that this site was intended for the construction of the Taluk Cutcherry.

"C O P Y."

Deputy Commissioner,
Chitaldrug District

URGENT AND CONFIDENTIAL.

D.O. 1116 General and Revenue Secretariat,
Dated, Bangalore, Jan. 1921.

Dear Sir,

With reference to correspondence ending with your letter No. [illegible] 20-21 dated the [illegible] November 1920, I am [illegible] to request you to be so good as to obtain and [illegible] for the perusal of Government the original [illegible] and notices and Agenda papers of the [illegible] Municipal Council meetings [illegible] from June to July [illegible] also the entire file or files of the Chitaldrug Municipal Office connected with [illegible] Naik for the grant of [illegible]

I [illegible] that the Municipal Council [illegible] the grant of a building site to [illegible] in your [illegible] 1920 any [illegible]

Yours sincerely,

[signature] 5/1/21

Secretary to Government

[initials] 5/1/21

To

The Deputy Commissioner,
Chitaldrug District

No Refs 77 Dtd 20-1-21/Encls.

D. No. 6847
E.A.G.

CHITALDRUG.

19th January 1921.

D No. 5546
20-1-21

Dear sir,

With reference to your D. O. No. 1116 dated January 1921 calling for certain records connected with the Chitaldrug Town Municipal council, I herewith send in original letter No. 263 dated 16th January 1921 with its enclosures (except the minute book which is sent under a separate registered packet) received from the President of the municipality submitting the records called for in the above.

No separate agenda papers are stated to-have been file in the municipal office as the meeting notices contain brief summaries of important subjects of discussion at the time of the meetings.

Yours sincerely,

G. Aravamudiengar Esquire B.A.,B.L.
Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Revenue Department, Bangalore

* This has not been sent from us Recently

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SUBJECT

Diary No of letter replied to 8546

General and Revenue Secretariat
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Date of issue 6 6 21

Signed by Sd/- John Maybrayan

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The Secretary Govt, Chittagong Dn

Sir,

With reference to Corr. ending with your letter no Reg 7.7 mcl/20-21/8 19.1.1921 regarding the Conduct of Mr Abdul Majed in Connection with the administration of the Chittagong Town Mly as Ch. President I am directed to state that from a perusal of the proceedings of the Municipal Council as recorded in the minute Book the Govt. Cannot but think that the Muni. Councillors who had objected for sickness voted on the

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resolution relating to their disposal. The ~~which~~ are highly irregular and ~~illegal~~ if ~~it~~ were the duty of the President to have warned them against their action by advising them to refrain from voting for the grant of the to themselves. This will be Communicated to the Board Major, Post Commandant, Kirkee for the information, regarding the where he is now employed. No further action necessitated called for in this matter

2. I am also to observe that in your report to Govt. in the matter some inaccurate statements have crept in which should have been avoided. In your letter no 65 mil/20-21 dt 3 9 1920 regarding the obstructive attitude of the President in fulling up the office of the Vice President, an undue credit is imputed to the President in convening meetings thereby which is not warranted by the facts of the case and the statts. in your letters no 77 mil 20-21 of 31 8 1920 & 23 11 1920 re the unlawful

List of enclosures.

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Examined by

Proposal of Sale in the Chintadripet Police Station Compound,

[illegible] Spearatley

[illegible] the Vice President Convened a Special

[illegible] meeting for granting the Conditional

[illegible] Sale of the Said Property, but it is

Convened - It is the opinion that such

an important matter should be allowed to

stand in pending for such a long time

Both the Case under reference are

returned herewith -

Yours, &c

for Revenue

Board

Board Proc R 13612

dtd 6-6-21

Entrusted - I have perused

& forwarded to the Hon'ble Minister

of for Communications & Port

Affairs, Govt. of India

Yours &c

for Revenue

Board

Ltr,

Encl

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Hussered meeting, one 27 6 20 and one 3-7-20 to Cancel the above grants of the Sites to the Municipal Councillors — do not seem to be also

as this appears passed by 3 per Board Proc dtd